GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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ECO FRIENDLY BAGS IN HOSPITALS
Vallabbhaneni Shri Balashowry

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued any guidelines to adopt eco-friendly bags in Government and Private hospitals in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c): Health being a state subject,. it is for the State Governments to issue necessary directions to the Hospitals located in respective States for use of eco-friendly bags in conformity with various rules and regulations under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. So far as Central Government Hospitals in Delhi are concerned, they are using bio-degradable plastic bags for disposal of wastes in conformity with "Delhi Plastic Bag (Manufacture, sales and usage) and Non-biodegradable Garbage (Control) (Amendment) Act, 2004 (Delhi Act 2 of 2005)".